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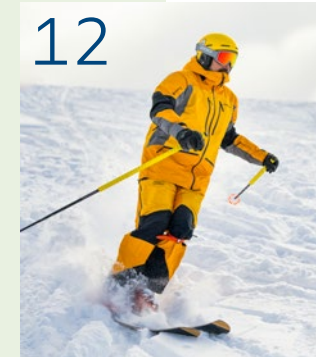
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Summer water-fun for all the family

From rain to drinking water: an educational adventure at the Vesdre dam

An impressive dam on the river Vesdre lies just a few kilometres east of Eupen. This concrete giant provides the region with drinking water. The Water Adventure Trail awaits you here, an educational walk for children. Nine information boards along the path provide fun insights into physics and ecology, with signs in four languages and QR codes for a quiz. Visitors can learn about the reservoir and the dam, and the story of the dam's construction. For those who want to see the water treatment plant up close, a descent of 400 steps is the price. Here you can discover how rainwater is converted into drinking water.



Watery adventures at the Robertville and Bütgenbach lakes

Lake Robertville is an oasis of peace set in beautiful, natural surroundings. Along the shores of the lake – which is acclaimed for its purity – you will find broad lawns and an inviting sandy beach. The lakeside area at Robertville-les-Bains is especially noted for its safe swimming. Its newly renovated children's play area, diving board and water trampoline promise the ultimate water fun. It's also a place that is notably committed to sustainable tourism, with solar panels and electric charging points. Venntastic Beach on Lake Bütgenbach also offers a range of options. The extensive beach, with forests and rivers all around, seems like an open invitation to build sand castles. Supervised swimming areas with play equipment and sun islands are available, as well as activities such as kayaking and pedalboating. There is a demarcated swimming area for the youngest visitors.



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New 'Kids on Tour': 10 family-friendly walks for all ages

The new "Kids on Tour" brochure presents 10 family-friendly walks packed with fun for young and old alike. You'll find detailed information about each route, including distances and pushchair-friendliness. Via QR-Codes, you can download treasure maps for the children as well as the GPX-data for the adults. The brochure also offers useful tips for hiking with children, and information about educational trails designed to enhance an understanding of nature. Rivers and streams, castles and caves are among the many features of these walking tours, making them an educational adventure for all the family.

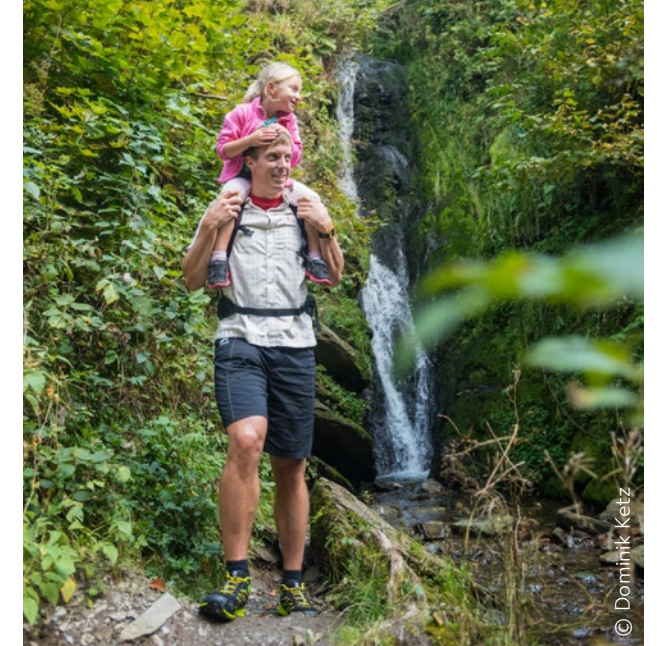
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Learning adventures with water: children will love these educational nature trails

Summer is the perfect time to explore our educational nature trails. Three of them are dedicated to the theme of water. At Manderfeld, games and interactive activities on the subject of "precious water" await you along the 3km path of this adventure trail. Together with a friendly kingfisher as a mascot, children discover how much water is used, how rain is formed, and so much more. At Lake Robertville, seven information panels reveal the secrets of the fish living in the reservoir, while you can learn about the fascinating journey from raindrop to drinking water along a path at the Vesdre dam.

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Fishing – on fast-flowing streams and tranquil lakes

With its abundant rivers, streams and lakes and crystal-clear water, East Belgium is a favourite spot for anglers. Here, on rushing streams and mirror-still lakes and ponds, you'll find not only carp, pike and perch but also absolute peace and quiet, surrounded by unspoilt nature. East Belgium is also renowned for its traditional fish farms, where trout is the primary product – a local delicacy that appears on the menus of numerous restaurants in the area. A handy brochure is available on the ostbelgien.eu website, with maps of all ponds, lakes, rivers and streams in the region where fishing is allowed, plus useful information about permits and fish species.

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Vennbahn Am Grünen Kloster

Ten years of the Vennbahn: threading along the border through rolling countryside

The Vennbahn – one of the great showpieces of East Belgium – celebrated its tenth anniversary on 1 July 2023. This historic cycle route was inaugurated in 2013, and since then it has become a big success story, and has won recognition through numerous accolades. At 125 kilometres, it is one of the longest railway lines converted into a cycle path in Europe. The route passes through Belgium, Germany and Luxembourg, offering cyclists a breathtaking journey through impressive landscapes.

Representatives from these three countries launched this European inter-regional project in 2013, with the aim of creating a transnational cycle-path network linking the Netherlands, Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg. The Vennbahn quickly earned fame and acclaim for its quality, natural beauty, railway history and its unusual border-hugging path.

In its early years, the route received several awards, which served as an incentive for continuous improvements. More recently sustainability, digital innovation and green transformation have become the central strategies.

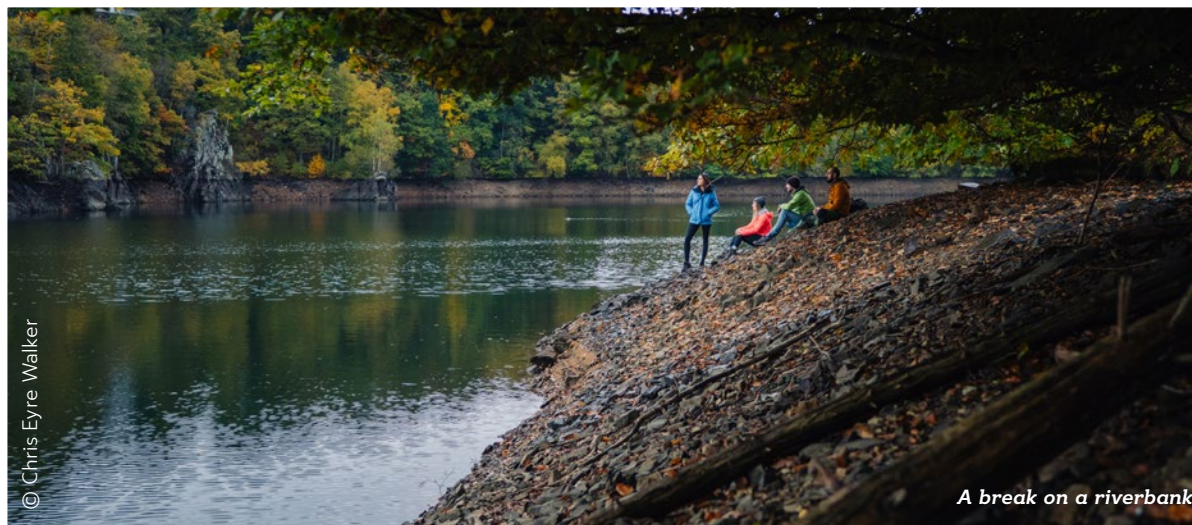
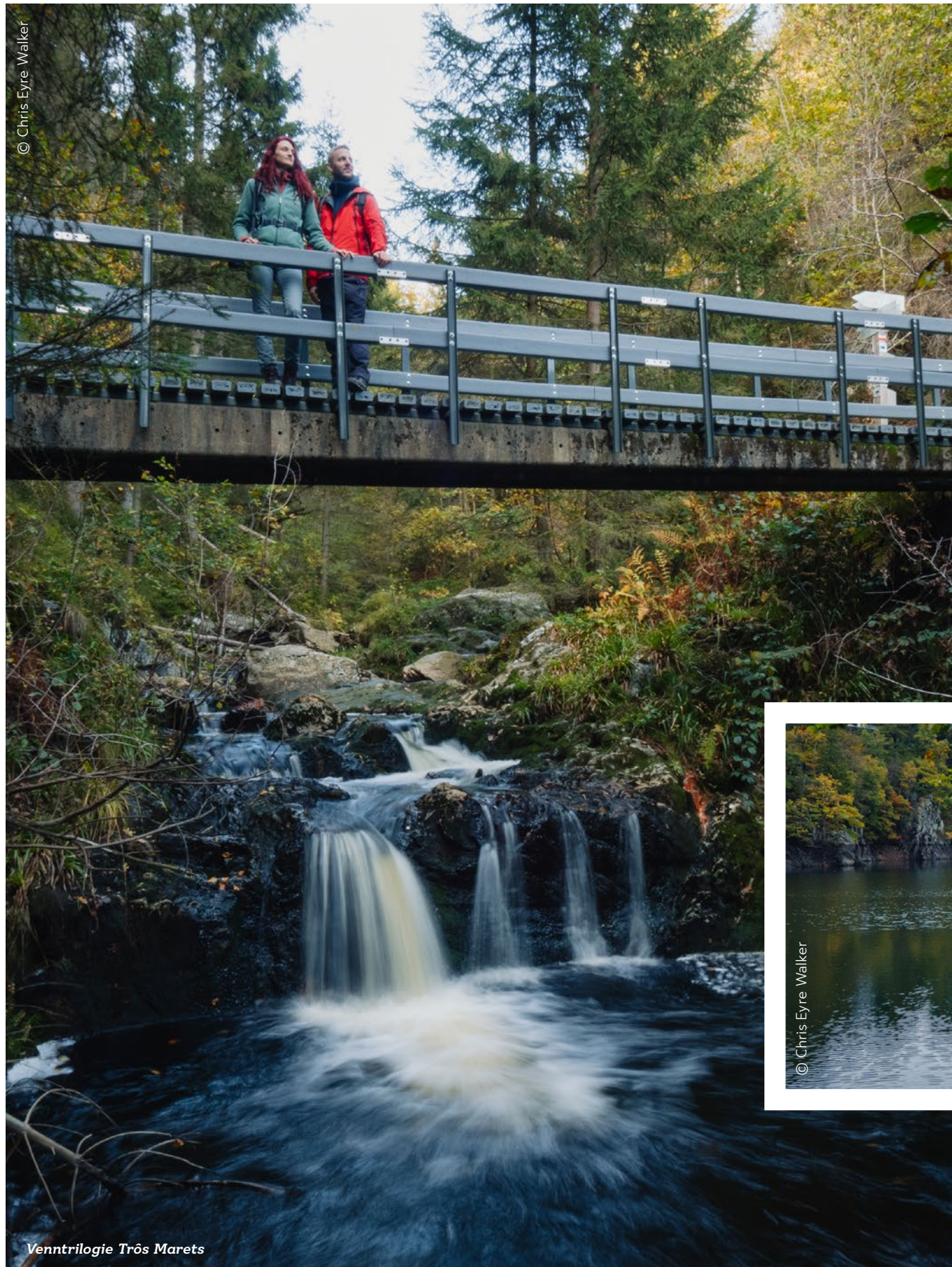
The Vennbahn Cycle Route begins in Aachen, Germany, and takes you through picturesque East Belgium before finally reaching its endpoint in the charming town of Troisvierges, Luxembourg. Also part of the RAVeL network of linked greenways in the Walloon Region of Belgium, the Vennbahn offers cyclists a perfect combination of nature, history and culture. You cycle past charming villages, magnificent landscapes, beautiful lakes, woods and green meadows. The route winds through gently rolling landscapes with an average gradient of only 2%, making it ideal for cyclists of all abilities.



Vennbahn Weywëtz

More information can be found at:
[vennbahn.eu](https://www.vennbahn.eu)

Videos about the celebration of Vennbahn's tenth anniversary:
youtube.com/watch?v=SjQFetMVbQg
youtube.com/watch?v=bIZ2d51sDuE
youtube.com/watch?v=LcoiUyhxD8c



Through the meadows, forests and wetlands of East Belgium with the Venntrilogie hiking route

Since August 2023, adventurous souls have been invited to explore East Belgium on foot on a new trail called the “Venntrilogie” (Fen Trilogy). Promising hikers a spectacularly beautiful route, it represents a threefold proposition: to revel in the sheer variety of the route, to admire the grandeur of raw nature, and to take on a genuine challenge.

The Venntrilogie is a three-part walking route covering 109 km, each part flowing seamlessly into the next like a brushstroke in a painting. While it forms a coherent whole, it can also be broken down into individual stages (the route is signposted in both directions). Along the way you will find paths through rustic green landscapes and breathtaking valleys, historic hiking trails and cultural heritage, and memorable encounters with nature. The Venntrilogie has been selected as one of the “Leading Quality Trails – Best of Europe” by the European Ramblers Association.

An official walking guide has been produced in collaboration with the illustrator Boris Servais. This combines the best and most revealing stories from the region with all practical information about the walking route. The guide can be picked up free of charge at all tourist offices along the route or can be downloaded from the Venntrilogie website.



Venntrilogie meets Eifelsteig: a new hiking experience

The five-day hiking tour called “Venntrilogie meets Eifelsteig” combines two, top-class hiking trails in one trip. The Venntrilogie has recently been opened and certified as a “Leading Quality Trail – Best of Europe”. This border-hopping tour starts with two days of walking on the Venntrilogie, crossing the High Fens. Then you spend another two days on the classic Eifelsteig.

The tour starts near Aachen. Participants can therefore arrive comfortably by train. After the first overnight stay, a shuttle is provided to the Three Border Point in Vaals (in the Netherlands) for the start of the Venntrilogie.

The tour costs from 699.00 euros per person, based on sharing a double room. The price includes five nights with breakfast, plus half-board in the evening, as well as a packed lunch for each walking day. The price also includes transport from Aachen to the starting point, the Three Border Point in Vaals, and luggage transfers between the overnight accommodation. Further additional options include a city tour of Aachen, and an extra night in Aachen.

venntrilogie.eu

One of the unique aspects of this walk is that it highlights the cultural diversity of the region. During Stage 3, for example, you can order your breakfast in German in the morning and your beer in French in the evening. The landscape of East Belgium has a magical appeal: surrender your worries to it and in return you can expect to be given wonderful memories, rewarding encounters and inner peace.

To the Fens, over the Fens and around the Fens

The happy meeting of two premium hiking trails, the Venntriologie and the Eifelsteig, described by Michael Sanger, publisher of the “Wandermagazin”.

For the first two days we follow the Venntriologie from the Three Border Point (where Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands meet) to Eupen. We then cross over to the hiking trail from Eupen to Monschau. Then we walk for two days on the Eifelsteig via Roetgen to Aachen-Kornelimunster. It’s a fascinating cross-border adventure!

These walking days have it all! We are walking through East Belgium via the High Fens to Germany. The Baudouin Tower at the Three Border Point is where it all begins. From the tower you have a gigantic panoramic view. Then you arrive in Kelmis, the former capital of a mini-nation called Neutral Moresnet. It is hard to believe that Neutral Moresnet was an autonomous state for over a century (until 1920). You now follow the path into the valley of the river Gohl, to the Eyneburg and the idyllic Hohnbach valley. This brings you to a land of hedges. Wherever you look, there are hedge-lined meadows. From a high point at Astenet the path drops back down to the Gohl and under a 1.1 km-long railway viaduct. Passing two-metre-high hedges you reach Hauset, a village on the Gohl, and then arrive in the little town of Eynatten with its moated castles.

More beautiful hedge country follows. In the hamlet of Berlottle a brick tower has been made into an entertaining little “Mohrenmuseum” – Carrot Museum. You now make your way via rotating and swinging stiles through lush meadows and a tunnel of hedges to reach the



pottery village of Raeren, with its pottery museum. We continue on through the large forest called the Hertogenwald. Leaving the beautiful Diepbach valley behind you, Eupen now beckons. The seat of government of the German-speaking Community of Belgium, Eupen is definitely worth spending some time in, with delights both cultural and culinary to be discovered.

On the third day we cross the High Fens, a fantastic walk! First you tackle a hill, rising moderately, with views over a wildly romantic valley. The route then turns left through the beautiful and untamed Ternellbach valley, moving

steeply uphill. At the top you can relax in the restaurant of the Haus Ternell information centre. The path then heads back downhill into the Getzbach valley. You end up in a part of the moor called the Brackvenn, with a view of a primeval landscape that has barely changed in 10,000 years. Drink it in! After crossing the border into Germany, you join the Eifelsteig, which leads you into the enchanted surroundings of Monschau, in valley of the river Rur.

The Eifelsteig now takes you on a fascinating adventure for two days. First to a 658m-high point with a dream view over the Eifel, and then along the upper reaches of the river Vesdre – one of largest and most important rivers in the Fens. Now you are on Belgian territory again, but shortly before Roetgen you return to German soil. You immediately again come across a remarkable feature of

this landscape: the disused railway called the Vennbahn, now a popular cycle route. Its entire length (even the sections in Germany) has been Belgian territory since 1921.

The last day takes you first to the foot of the Dreilager Dam, with lake-like reservoir. The path then goes up to and across a heath called the Struffelt. Then we make our way through a forest to an area where lime burners once plied their trade, and where you will gain in-depth insights into the historic work of lime kilns. Once again you follow one of the many peat-rich rivers: this is now the little river Inde, which flows under the Vennbahn. At the end of your tour, you climb the steps to find yourself on the Korneliusmarkt square in Kornelimunster. Aachen, with its exceptional cathedral, the burial place of Emperor Charlemagne, is just a stone’s throw away.

Tip: Enjoy the Venntriologie worry-free

The Venntriologie is designed to make it as simple as possible for the hiker, so that you can follow the trail without a hiking map and enjoy the experience to the fullest.

In collaboration with a number of selected tourism providers, travel packages have been developed to include overnight accommodation, luggage transfers from hotel to hotel, and packed lunches. The hotels also have relevant special facilities, such as a drying room for shoes. These tourism partners have signed a hosts’ charter, based on 21 criteria regarding location, facilities, meals, hiking information and proximity to the Venntriologie route. The partnership is entered into for five years. The quality standards are based on the wishes and expectations of hikers.

You can also rent equipment for free at the High Fens House for Tourism – East Belgium in the centre of Malmedy.

In many places in the High Fens there is no phone signal. So you have to be well prepared for this journey. Consider carefully the equipment, food and drink that you’ll need. Think also about your safety. It is best to follow your route via an outdoor app and register with the 112 App. In general, it is also better not to hike alone.

Whenever you spend a few days in a region as a tourist, it is always good to learn something about the local people. This is how the idea arose to create a book as an official hiking guide to the Venntriologie, in collaboration with the illustrator Boris Servais. It combines the best and most revealing stories from the region with all practical information about the hiking route. You can get this for free at all tourist offices along the route or download it from the Venntriologie website.

venntriologie.eu



Visiting Pierre Gerondal, who manufactures wooden skis in Malmedy

“Winter sports in East Belgium,
that’s always special!”

Pierre Gerondal is the only maker of wooden skis in Belgium. Raised in Brussels, he moved to Malmedy to be closer to the wood, to nature – and of course to the snow.



“The door is open! Everyone is welcome in our little universe!” laughs Pierre Gerondal as I come through his large open door somewhat hesitantly – and without knocking. We are in his specialist workshop in Malmedy, a town of 12,000 inhabitants on the edge of the High Fens. Pierre has lost his heart to the region, after his earlier peregrinations in Flanders and Brussels.

Pierre crafts his skis entirely by hand

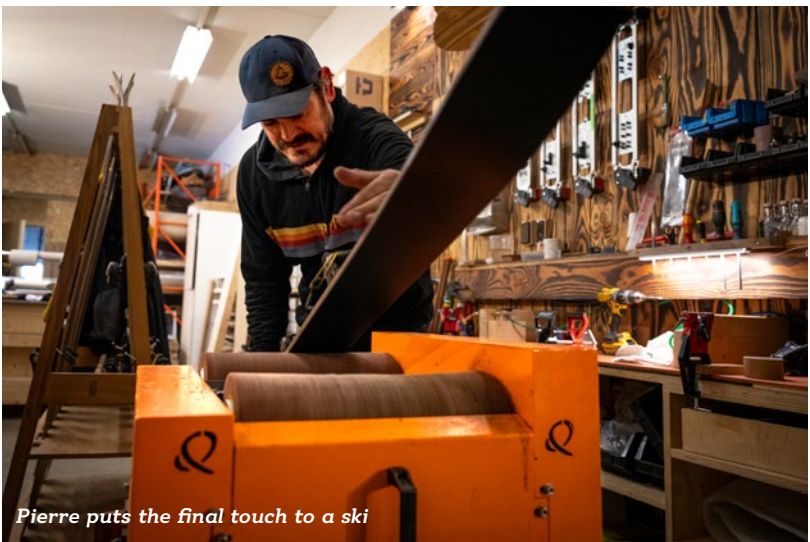
Sustainable skis

A quiet techno tune playing in the background... wooden skis on the walls... a friendly four-legged friend who immediately comes to greet you... and of course the smell of trees in the air. Pierre Gerondal's workshop looks modern, hip and creative. You wouldn't expect anything else from this Belgian carpenter, the only one in the country to produce wooden skis. "I haven't reinvented skis," he says. "If you cut in half any pair of skis you would find wood inside. I simply left out all the excessive and unnecessary plastic."

The result? Unique wooden skis of superior quality. It therefore comes as no surprise to hear that top athletes also appear to be fans of this East Belgian brand. For example, Pierre has collaborated with Belgian snowboarder Seppe Smits, a Red Bull athlete and double world champion (Big Air and Slopestyle). Together they designed a splitboard, a snowboard that can be divided lengthwise into two ski-like halves.

What makes Pierre's skis even more attractive is that they are extremely durable. "The lifespan of our skis is estimated to be about eight to ten years. If a plastic ski breaks or gets scratched, you often can't repair it. But it's possible with wood," Pierre explains. "Then when it's time for a new pair of skis, we can use the old ones as decoration! This way the skis get a second lease of life."

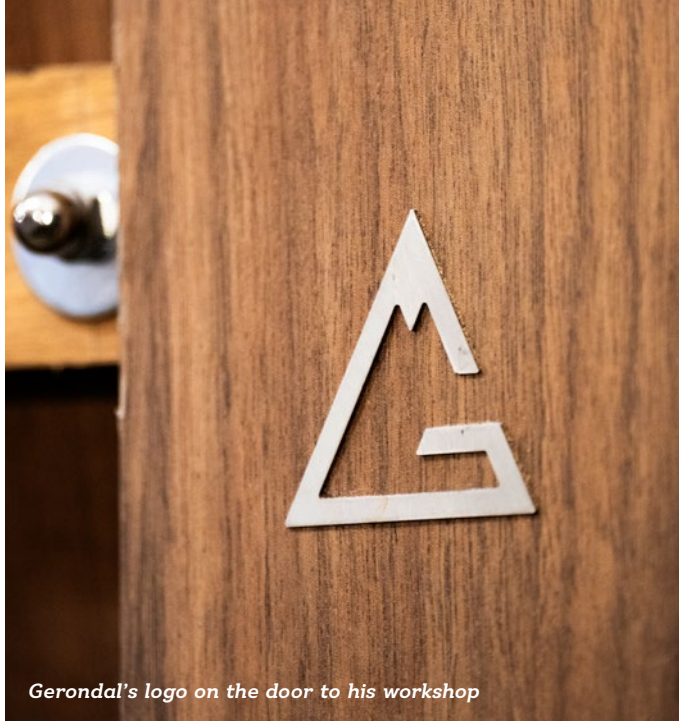
Respect for – and love of – nature is close to Pierre's heart. The different types of wood that he uses he selects himself within a radius of only 200–250 kilometres from his studio. On his invoices you can see the source of each tree used for the product in question, and which types of wood are involved. It was in order to be closer to all this wood that this native of Brussels moved to Malmedy a number of years ago.



Pierre puts the final touch to a ski



Pierre Gerondal with his favourite skis



Gerondal's logo on the door to his workshop

Visiting Malmedy: culture, nature and folklore

Malmedy is a beacon of tranquillity. The rivers Warche and Warchenne converge here on the edge of the High Fens. Normally the town is surrounded by greenery: green hills, green forests – but today everything is white. It has snowed! Winter sports are just one of the many activities that the town has to offer.

"Our beautiful surroundings make walking and cycling very popular," says Pierre. "More people should take advantage of the wealth of things that Malmedy has to offer. For example, the town is the perfect starting point for a walking tour through the High Fens. If that's what you're doing, the Rocher de Falize should definitely be on your route: it provides a magnificent viewpoint over the Warche valley."

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*Pierre Gerondal
skiing on the alpine piste in Ovifat*



Pierre puts the final touch to a ski

But we are not going to be walking through the High Fens today. Instead, we will follow the Calvaire (Way of the Cross). This walk has a rich history: from the 17th century onwards, people started placing wooden crosses here on one of the steepest parts of the old road to Chôdes. We follow the path up to the Belvédère, a beautiful place with a stunning view over the entire town and its surroundings.

Afterwards we visit the Malmundarium and its collections and exhibitions. Housed in a former Benedictine monastery, the Malmundarium is the cultural heart of Malmedy. With an audioguide at the ready, we explore this fascinating visitor centre, where the history, art and culture of the region are brought together. We walk through the tannery and the paper workshop and learn more about the importance these products had in the region. We can even make some paper ourselves.



Skiing in East Belgium

There is something special about winter sports in East Belgium. When there is enough snow, East Belgium and the High Fens attract thousands of visitors. “Here we ski the Belgian way,” laughs Pierre. “I even have friends from France and Switzerland who come to ski here. They know that in Belgium skiing also means a delicious meal and plenty of excellent beer afterwards!”

When it snows in East Belgium, many people head for the High Fens – for a day’s skiing, or a multi-day skiing holiday. The highest part of Belgium, it has 15 ski centres, offering cross-country skiing, downhill skiing, sledging and snowshoeing. One example is Ski Alpin Ovifat, a perennial favourite for many skiers. Situated on a slope surrounded by trees and meadows, it has been a firm feature of the region for 70 years. With its three slopes for alpine and cross-country skiing, and a sledging run, this resort guarantees fun for all the family. Rent ski equipment on site and you’re one step away from that sensational adrenaline rush of hurtling down a hill at full speed. As you head back up the hill on a ski lift, you can take in the beauty of the views over the slopes and the forest in the valley, soothed by the music that enhances the feeling of relaxation and tranquillity.

The Herzebösch ski centre is located just outside the village of Elsenborn, near Bütgenbach, and surrounded by woodland. Cross-country skiing and hiking are the main pursuits. Because of their extensive cross-country ski trails, biathlons (cross-country skiing competitions combined with on-course rifle shooting) are regularly on the agenda.

East Belgium: a winter wonderland

But even if there is not enough snow for winter sports, there are plenty of other activities to keep you entertained during a winter stay in East Belgium. For example, just a sprinkling of snow will endow the landscape with an enchanting beauty: time to take a magical walk through a forest or around a lake. Go out with all the family: take a sled for the children. Smell the cool, moist air; listen to the muffled silence of the landscape. Afterwards, reward yourselves with a cup of hot chocolate in one of the ski huts or bistros – where you could also enjoy a hearty, warming meal.

On Mont Spinette, a south-facing slope in the High Fens just above Malmedy, at an altitude of 580 metres, there is a network of trails that thread through the forest and across the moorland – perfect for cross-country skiing or snowshoe walks. At Mont Spinette (and at the Manderfeld ski centre, and in Schönberg), you can join guided snowshoe hikes. Relax and clear your mind amid the pristine beauty of the snow fields.

Other winter-themed events also take place in the colder months, such as the spectacular dog sled races in Rodt, near Sankt Vith – a two-day meeting, which attracts international competitors. This will take place even without snow, using adapted dog carts. Come and admire the Siberian huskies, Alaskan malamutes and samoyeds enthusiastically vying with other teams of up to 12 dogs in 12 categories.



Gourmet game dishes

For gourmets, autumn and winter are without a doubt the best seasons of the year in East Belgium. On the menu? Delicious game dishes of pheasant, roe deer and wild boar from our own forests. It is a time-honoured tradition that starts in the autumn and finishes at the end of January.

To mark the last days of winter, the typical “salade russe” is offered during the carnival season: a salad made from herring, beetroot and potatoes. A delicious tradition, particularly in Malmedy!

→ Further information

Find more excursion sites
and accommodations here: ostbelgien.eu

All the winter sports options in East Belgium

As one of Belgium’s most important regions for winter sports, East Belgium offers numerous opportunities for alpine skiing, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and sledging. Below is a list of all the winter sports centres of the region with their locations, facilities and sports options.

Ski Manderfeld - Auf dem Biert

Manderfeld 304,
4760 Büllingen
• 3 cross-country ski trails
• 1 snowshoe trail
• Cross-country skiing
and snowshoeing

Wintersportzentrum Losheimergraben

Losheimergraben 13,
4760 Büllingen
• 3 trails
• Cross-country skiing

Ski Naturparkzentrum Botrange

Route de Botrange 131,
4950 Waimès
• 3 trails
• Cross-country skiing

Ski Signal de Botrange

Route de Botrange 133,
4950 Waimès
• 3 trails
• Cross-country skiing

Ski Baraque Michel

Baraque Michel 36,
4845 Jalhay
• 3 trails
• Cross-country skiing

Ski Alpin Ovifat

Rue de la Piste 1,
4950 Waimès
• 3 downhill pistes
• Alpine skiing and sledging run

Skihütte Mertens

Am Kornhof 22,
4760 Büllingen
• 3 trails
• Cross-country skiing

Mont Spinette

Mont, à la Spinette 18,
4960 Malmedy
• 2 ski trails
• 1 snowshoe trail
• Cross-country skiing
and snowshoeing

Skizentrum Herzebösch

Lagerstraße 36,
4750 Bütgenbach
• 4 cross-country ski trails
• 1 sledging run
• Cross-country skiing
and sledging + biathlon

Skicentrum Worriken

Worriken 9,
4750 Bütgenbach
• 4 trails
• Cross-country skiing

Schönberg Aktiv - Sneeuwschoenwandelen

K.F.-Schinkel-Straße 11,
4780 Sankt Vith
• 3 snowshoe trails
• Snowshoeing

Ski Haus Ternell

Ternell 2-3,
4700 Eupen
• 3 trails
• Cross-country skiing

Ski Rodt Tomberg

Tomberg Rodt 77,
4780 Sankt Vith
• 4 trails
• Cross-country skiing

Ski Club Weywertz

Im Himmelchen 15,
4750 Bütgenbach
• 5 cross-country trails
• 1 sledging run
• Cross-country skiing and sledging

Les Crêtes de Xhoffraix

Rue de la Tournerie 7,
4960 Malmedy
• 4 trails
• Cross-country skiing

Throughout the winter season you get updates on the snow conditions in East Belgium via the “Snow report” found at: ostbelgien.eu

Carnival in East Belgium: local, traditional festivals for everyone

A tale of two traditions: from the Rhineland
in the German-speaking community,
Walloon in the French-speaking community

Carnival in East Belgium is more than just a big party. Held each spring before the start of Lent, there are important, time-honoured traditions to uphold.

During Cwarmê in (mainly) French-speaking Malmedy, revellers parade in garish traditional costumes, some of them adorned with long-nosed masks.

In German-speaking municipalities such as Sankt Vith, Kelmis, Raeren and Eupen, they follow Rhenish traditions, and dance to German songs.

Today, here in Eupen, it's Rosenmontag – Rose Monday. The February sunshine encourages the crowds to brave the cold as they await the arrival of the Carnival Prince 2023, Marco I.

A Rhenish carnival festival

"In Eupen we celebrate carnival according to the Rhenish tradition. You'll find a similar tradition in Cologne," says Alain Brock. He is a passionate "carnivalist" and chairs the carnival committee of the former carnival princes. "At carnival we celebrate this age-old custom of partying before Lent begins. Here it can be traced back to 1213. The tradition of colourful carnival clothing began at the end of the 18th century, when the cloth industry was flourishing here. During carnival, businesses were closed for three days so that everyone could join in the festivities. The left-over bits of material that

people were allowed to take home were used to make their costumes."

"In Eupen six traditional groups have been taking turns to appoint a carnival prince for decades," continues Alain Brock.

"And just over 80 private carnival groups participate in the procession each year. The floats are built over many months in advance. Everything is made by hand, even the costumes. During the festivities, groups gather early in the morning to get ready and do their makeup.

An enormous amount of preparation goes into this four-hour procession. The applause when the prince passes by during the Rose Monday parade, that's pure magic! That's why we do it," he beams.



Alain Brock



The carnival groups enjoy Rose Monday

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The carnivals have one thing in common: they are fun for all ages.
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Prince Marco I. with his pages Gina and Anouk

The carnival princes 2023

Fabien Marichal is president of La Royale Malmédienne, a male choir that performs traditional songs, and he is also playing the role of Trouv'lê (the symbol of power) at the Malmedy Carnival 2023. As with his Eupen counterpart, Marco Demonthy – Carnival Prince 2023 Marco I of Eupen – it's his job to lead his town through the planned festivities.

"During the pandemic, we dressed up and paraded through the streets to celebrate, in spite of everything," says Prince Marco I with a smile. "That's just how we are, us Eupen carnivalists: spontaneous and can-do minded. In those difficult times we did not lose heart: we found a way to celebrate carnival and uphold our tradition." This 26-year-old carnivalist's greatest dream has come true, now that he is the Carnival Prince of his city for 2023. As a member of the carnival group called KKG Micky-Mäuse, he and his younger counterpart, the 10-year-old Youth Prince 2023 Thibo Fays, lead all the revellers through an extended weekend of exuberant partying. Youth Prince Thibo says: "I love carnival because it is so fun – there's a lot of confetti. And we can celebrate it together as a family." The carnival in Eupen is of course a much longer affair than just the organized festivities. Says Youth Prince Thibo, beaming: "Two weeks after carnival, my Mum is still finding confetti in our house. We always have confetti hunt at home!"



Carnival revellers at the Eupen street carnival 2023



Youth prince Thibo Fays with Camille and Liana

The final touches

During the weekend before carnival the final preparations are made. This applies in particular to the warehouse where several of the carnival floats are stored. The final finishing touches take place there: painting the last stripes on the floats, attaching the stickers, hanging the flags and lights. All the while, a succession of German songs resounds through the hall. That sets the tone!

The final seams in the costumes will also be sewn during this weekend. Mrs Bartholemy is 74 years old and has been

making clothes for her daughter for more than 22 years. "Making clothes is my hobby. I really enjoy doing it for the carnival because I get to interact with young people," she says, smiling. She got the "carnival gene" from her parents: as a child, she was always allowed to join in the celebrations. And she still participates every year, to this day. "I am on the organizing committee for the 'Old Wives' Thursday' in Eupen. We have breakfast together at half past eight. Then we walk through Eupen via the retirement home, through the Bergstraße and to the Clown, the statue by the artist Joseph Braun that pays tribute to the carnival traditions of the city. We then visit the Mayor who – at

11:11am precisely – hands over the key to the Town Hall as a symbol of the transfer of power to the women. We walk through the city and party in the afternoon at the German-language newspaper Grenz Echo. Our festivities continue in the evening with the ball."



Mrs Bartholemy

Order over chaos

The Cwarmê of Malmedy is similarly a celebration for young and old alike. "I feel like a bottle of champagne that has been maturing for far too long and is ready to explode!" exclaims Fabien Marichal. "So many emotions are bubbling up in me, now that our party can finally get going." While the Carnival Prince has become a central figure of festivals in the Rhenish tradition, the Trouv'lê fulfils a parallel symbolic role in the Cwarmê – and this means maintaining order during the festivities. "I ensure that everyone behaves according to the code of conduct that is appropriate for their particular role. As captain of the youth groups in the past, the Trouv'lê did his best to make sure they behaved."

The roles of Carnival Prince and Trouv'lê do indeed have much in common. For six days they both serve as figureheads for their region – the former parading on a carnival float with his two pages, the other on foot to humbly maintain order. But beyond that, these carnivals are completely different, in both mood and culture.

Alaaf, Fahr'm Dar and Helau!

Carnival in East Belgium is deeply rooted in tradition – and each town and village brings its own characteristic elements to its festivities. For example, in Kelmis the effigy of a pig (Küsch in dialect) is burned after the procession, an event called the Küschespektakel. In Sankt Vith, the three special figures are part of the carnival procession – “dän Alen, de Al on de Peijas” (the old man, the old woman and the clown), who ride through the town on draft horses, wearing traditional costumes. The old man tells anecdotes about the events of the past year, the old woman comments on them and the clown in turn makes jokes. Here they don't shout “Alaaf!” during the procession, but rather “Fahr'm Dar!” The big procession takes place on Sunday, as it does too in Raeren. In Deidenberg, near Amel, the revellers shout “Helau!”, as they do across the border in Mainz and Düsseldorf. No matter how they differ, the carnivals have one thing in common: they are fun for all ages.



The Pierrot is one of the traditional costumes in Malmédy's Carnival parade

Rose Monday: the big day

In Eupen, the Monday before Lent begins is called “Rosenmontag” (Rose Monday). The origin of the name is uncertain, but may relate to the golden rose that the Pope traditionally blesses at the end of Lent. It's the day of the big parade, in which all the carnival groups participate. “Rose Monday was first celebrated here in 1884,” says Alain Brock. The procession passes right through the town, and back again.

In Malmédy, the last Monday before Lent is also very special. Fabien Marichal explains: “On Monday, La Royale Malmédienne – guardians of Malmédy's folk traditions – presents stories, spoken and sung in the Walloon dialect, on various stages in the city. These plays are funny anecdotes about events from the past year – a beautiful thing to behold!”

Carnival in Eupen is celebrated enthusiastically by the town's residents and the broader community. Party-lovers come dressed up, and sing along boisterously with the DJs on the floats, and shout out the carnival greeting “Alaaf!” at every turn. Anyone who experiences it for the first time will be amazed and charmed by the fun, love and spontaneity radiating from both the participants and the audience. Everywhere there are crowds enjoying the sun or dancing. One of these is Marc from Düsseldorf: “Carnival here is much more sociable and fun than in Germany,” he says. “The outfits, the people, the themes, everything is much less politically focused.” If he wants to celebrate carnival, he'll come to Eupen.

The prize for the best costume in 2023 goes to France and her family. They are dressed as the comic-book prisoners the Daltons. They live in Verviers, 15km to



Prince Marco I. throws sweets to the spectators



Lu Soté is one of the traditional figures of the Cwarmé in Malmédy

the west, but come to Eupen to celebrate every year. “We try to choose something fun for our carnival costume each year. In previous years we've been clowns or Romans,” she says with a smile. “We try to join other parades in the region as well.”

After a successful final tour of the city, Prince Marco I. stands with pride and pleasure as he watches the children pick up the gifts that he has thrown into the crowds as he passed. He is already trying to collect his memories. This is what it's all about: singing and dancing together, in a way that only the people of East Belgium know how. The floats can now return to their storage places – ready to do it all again next year. Alaaf!

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Carnival is also synonymous of amazing pastries

Puffel pastries: delicacies in the Rhenish carnival tradition

In the Rhenish tradition, it is common practice to serve sweet, nutritious and tasty carnival pastries. Deep-fried pastries are perfect for the season, celebrating the end of winter, but storing up energy for the Lenten fast ahead. It is the same in East Belgium, where local bakeries produce special pastries that are not for sale during the other months of the year. Puffel pastries are like doughnuts, made from yeast dough formed into large balls.

Berliner

These are essentially a kind of doughnut, but without the hole! The delicate yeast dough is expertly rolled into balls by hand and deep-fried – and then it's a question of the filling. During carnival suddenly a dozen different flavours appear on the bakery counter: plum, apricot, strawberries, four-fruit jam and more. Demand is high, and bakers like to be able to cater for the wide range of tastes and appetites of the hungry revellers.

Krapfen

Krapfen are another, similar kind of doughnut – rich dough balls with a long association with Lent. The difference is in the filling: these are filled with vanilla cream or crème pâtissière. In Eupen they may come with nuts, raisins or rum. After filling, they are coated with icing or dusted icing sugar. New flavours are regularly introduced.

Quarkbällchen

Quarkbällchen are like mini Krapfen. They are made from Quark (comparable to cottage cheese) mixed with flour, sugar and baking powder, deep-fried and then dredged in sugar.

Mutzen

Traditional Mutzen are made of flour, baking powder, eggs, sugar, butter, almonds and rum. The heavy dough is kneaded and shaped by hand and deep-fried until golden brown. The crispy pastries are then sprinkled with icing sugar. These Mutzen are produced uniquely during the carnival period, not at any other time the year.



Experience and taste the magic of East Belgium during autumn and winter

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Child-friendly exhibitions across a range of museums

Autumn may bring some drizzly weather, of course, but no need to let that spoil your family holiday in East Belgium! Numerous museums will be ready to welcome you. In Eupen, you may want to visit the ILOB Museum of Contemporary Art and the Stadtmuseum (municipal museum). Or perhaps the Vieille Montagne museum in Kelmis will take your fancy: young and old emerge amazed. The museum exhibitions reflect the distinctive local history, industry, crafts and art of East Belgium. The video in the link below will set the right mood.

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Relax with a gastronomic weekend

For complete relaxation in East Belgium, how about a combination of wellness treatments and exploring the region's rich gastronomic traditions? Numerous offers bring you the best of the region. During autumn and winter, the restaurants of East Belgium specialize in game dishes, using ingredients that come direct from the local forests. It is an authentic tradition that lasts only between the start of autumn and the end of January. Alternatively, there are always plenty of top-quality culinary options that focus on other fresh, seasonal ingredients. Alongside this, an extensive range of wellness packages can help you to completely relax, with hotel spa facilities such as infrared sauna cabins, whirlpools and massages. The possibilities are endless: a stay for just one night, with a gourmet meal, or for several days that will allow you to absorb the beautiful landscape of East Belgium. Each location has its own emphasis: for example, it might be beauty treatments or a NUXE package. Composite packages are available in Robertville, Malmedy, Bütgenbach and Sankt Vith.

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Mushroom walks

September and October are top months for mushroom pickers. In and around the woodlands of East Belgium you can find field mushrooms, chanterelles and porcini. Organized mushroom walks are offered so that you can learn to recognize the different species of fungi, as well as other forest plants and animals. These walks are accompanied by specialist guides from the Botrange nature park centre and the Haus Ternell nature centre.

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Celebrating the magic of the Christmas season

Gingerbread, spiced speculoos and Printen biscuits and mulled wine are synonymous with the Christmas spirit in East Belgium. The many Christmas markets, each with its own distinctive charms, help to set the festive scene. The oldest Christmas market in Belgium is held in Eupen, with approximately 70 decorated chalets, a merry-go-round and live music. In Malmedy, the annual "Hivernales" programme provides four weeks of atmospheric magic: from a Christmas parade to a ice skating rink on Place Albert 1er. The "Circuits des Crèches" walk, visiting 19 nativity scenes, is a perennial favourite in Malmedy. There are also numerous Christmas concerts and performances to enjoy. And the Christmas market with the nicest chalets can also be found there every year. Sankt Vith offers stage performances to entertain you while you gather presents for your loved ones. At the Christmas market in Kelmis you can buy all sorts of Christmas fare, and taste seasonal delicacies and hot drinks, to the sounds of live music. To add extra Christmas magic to the experience, there are also Christmas walks that take you through the beautiful white-clad landscape.

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New folding map: High Fens

A new folding map of the High Fens includes extensive information about nature conservation in the area. Published in the three national languages of Belgium (French, Dutch & German), it also provides an overview of the safety advice and most important tips for both hikers and visitors issued by the Botrange and Ternell nature park centres. On the reverse side, the map has details about parking, cycle paths, the main walking paths (with and without a dog), educational trails, and accessibility by car, public transport or bicycle. This new map is richly informative, but note that it is not drawn to scale. It is above all a tool to help you be properly prepared and to stay safe when visiting the High Fens.

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Mountain bike: getting to grips with the unique landscape of East Belgium

In the forests of Eupen, mountain bikers can feel the adrenaline surge through their athletic bodies. It's a literally breathtaking landscape, where every steep climb is followed by a technical descent. "Nowhere are the mountain bike routes as varied as in East Belgium," says Yann. He trains together with other young mountain bikers from the RSK Eupen racing team on the 480 kilometres of MTB routes, surrounded by the natural beauty of East Belgium.



Quickly yet concentrated through the forest

Since 1986, the mountain bikers of Rad Sport Klub Eupen (RSK Eupen for short) have been racing across these rugged landscapes. "Our club has about 80 to 100 members. Half of that number comes from our youth categories. The youngest rider of RSK Eupen is eight years old," says Frédéric Rosenstein, one of the members of the club. Frédéric cycles, directs, provides training and organizes events at RSK Eupen. "Our aim is to introduce people both to cycling and to the natural beauty of our region," he says. "But we can also prepare riders for a professional career in mountain biking."

As we climb a gravel hill on foot, five shiny mountain bikes pass us. We follow the cloud of dust, thrown up from the gravel slope, to the top of the hill. Here, at the edge of the Hertogenwald forest, five members of RSK Eupen are waiting for us. At a log cabin, we meet two RSK Eupen trainers and three young mountain bikers from the club's professional racing team.



Team members of RSK Eupen

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Cross country: a sense of freedom

"Our club does not think in terms of age groups, but trains riders according to their abilities," says Frédéric. "The club has a total of ten certified trainers who prepare our mountain bikers for competitions." Cédric is one of the young riders who train with the club. "I'm on my mountain bike in the woods, training five to eight times a week," he tells me. "My specialty is cross country." RSK Eupen focuses primarily on cross country. It's a discipline where you complete a technical course against the clock. Short climbs and difficult descents follow one other in rapid succession.

"Cycling through the woods and jumping the ramps gives me a sense of freedom – although you mustn't lose your focus during a descent," warns Yann. He is sixteen years old but joined RSK Eupen when he was just seven. "The landscape in the Eupen region varies a lot. There are loads of steep slopes followed by technical descents." This makes East Belgium the perfect place to practise the cross-country discipline.



Technical skill training is an integral part of the programme

A big tour from Sankt Vith to Ouren and back

Anyone can join RSK Eupen and enjoy some challenging cycling in the glorious natural setting of East Belgium. "There are some groups that only train once or twice. Our racing team trains four to five times a week. Plus, we organize additional training camps at home and abroad for our riders who participate in competitions," says Frédéric.

During the training camps here, mountain bikers get to know each other better, but they also get to know the local landscape. "My favourite memory at RSK Eupen is the training camp at Bütgenbach," says Cédric enthusiastically. To the south of Bütgenbach, there is a big tour from Sankt Vith to Ouren and back to Sankt Vith.

The route starts and ends in Sankt Vith. First, you travel along the historic Vennbahn (a disused railway) to Ourberg. From there your calves will be tested by a succession of climbs in the valley of the river Our. Your suffering will be rewarded, eventually, with a panoramic view over the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, which lies to the south-west. A paved road then leads you to the picturesque village of Ouren – which marks the half-way point on this MTB tour.

Before you complete the loop back to Sankt Vith, you pass through the German Eifel region. "One of my favourite places in East Belgium is the area around the border triangle, where Belgium, Germany and Luxembourg meet," says Valère. But it's going to be tough. A climb of six kilometres begins on German territory, on a forest road. The route takes you past the former border customs post at Lützkampen.

During the long but rewarding descent, your tyre tracks will cross the border back into Belgium. The next few kilometres of the loop take you along the banks of the river Our. A tricky climb near Steinebrück is the final hurdle on this MTB route, before it ends where it all began: at Sankt Vith.

Dashing on the Eupen Hertogenwald MTB route during the 3 Nations Cup

RSK Eupen reaches a crescendo of activity in March, in advance of the 3 Nations MTB Cup. Throughout the season, these competitions are held in Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany. The series serves as a benchmark in the discipline of cross country for mountain bikers, when riders can earn points for the UCI world ranking. When we ask the RSK Eupen mountain bikers what is the highlight in their calendar, they respond with one accord: "The 3 Nations Cup!"

Frédéric is one of the organizers of the race weekend in Eupen. "Every year, around 600 mountain bikers come to our region to participate in the XC (cross country) races. The participants come from Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany and France." In addition, some 2000 supporters are expected in the centre of Eupen during the 3 Nations Cup. "After the race, many mountain bikers say that our course is the best in the race calendar," says Frédéric proudly.

A large part of the course of the 3 Nations Cup follows the Eupen Hertogenwald MTB route. This MTB route is part of the network of cycling routes that straddle East Belgium. The intermediate loop starts at the outdoor swimming pool in



Leisurely passages are ideal to catch your breath

the south of Eupen. After challenging climbs on gravel paths you reach the impressive Vesdre Dam.

"My favourite place for mountain biking in the whole region is the descent from the Vesdre Dam. You just fly down it," says Cédric, beaming. Halfway along the loop you will be kicking up dust in the borderlands of the High Fens. You pass through the woodlands of the Hertogenwald, and there are some challenging technical trails close to the centre of Eupen. At the end of the Eupen Hertogenwald MTB tour you reach the Eupen Bike Park for the grand finale.

"We train with our members in the Bike Park to teach them how to ride descents, obstacles and steep trails," says Frédéric. "It is also one of the few places where we can teach our mountain bikers fast, tight turns." RSK Eupen also uses selected parts of East Belgium's extensive network of signposted cycling routes. "The variety of the landscape here allows us to train in a range of disciplines on sections of the larger MTB routes," says Frédéric.

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"We don't need
to design routes.
Nature does it
for us."
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Across the Eupen forest



All the way to the top

A number of mountain bikers from RSK Eupen have progressed to the top of the sport in recent years. "Laurenz and Tim Rex are both top athletes who have represented our team in mountain bike world championships." Latterly, the Rex brothers have shifted their focus to road cycling, and now ride for Intermarché-Circus-Wanty, a team in the UCI World Tour. "Laurenz made his debut in a Grand Tour in the spring of 2023, and rode a very strong Giro d'Italia. His ninth place in the classic Paris-Roubaix race was even more impressive."

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"Mountain biking is tough, but that's what makes it so much fun"
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"It is great to see riders moving on to the professional circuit, but our main goal remains unchanged: giving people the opportunity to cycle and enjoy being out in the open countryside," Frédéric insists. The club members also have a deep appreciation for all the nature that surrounds them. Valère confirms this: "We share this passion for the unique nature that surrounds us with the walkers. When we pass them on the tracks, they always say hello or encourage us. We all share the same passion for nature."



The quarries of the Warche valley

Nature is a big part of the essential character of East Belgium – and the local, natural stone used in the architecture reinforces the point. Many houses in East Belgium are built from local stone. It lends the villages their unique charm. There's an MTB route dedicated to this stone called "Quarries of the Warche". Leaving from Malmedy, it follows a 21.1-kilometre loop past historic quarries and babbling rivers.

Here among the quarries of the Warche valley you'll find wild, abandoned places where stone was quarried in the distant past. After these impressive quarries you climb up and out of the valley. Surrounded by nature, the path continues uphill to the edge of the High Fens. There you reach the summit of the loop at an altitude of about 552 metres. The last kilometres consist of a pleasant descent, which takes you back to Malmedy.

Through the ostbelgien.eu website you can discover the best MTB routes in East Belgium. There's something for everyone here, from novices to advanced riders. Each route is rated for difficulty. Feel the adrenaline surge, or relax and drink in all that untrammelled nature. Follow the example of RSK Eupen: thrill to the challenge of East Belgium's wonderfully rugged landscape. "Mountain biking is tough, but that's what makes it so much fun," concludes Cédric.

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Frédéric Rosenstein

Discover East Belgium's woods on the mountain bike

Take an MTB skills course at RSK Eupen

RSK Eupen offers mountain bike (MTB) skills courses, including the Cross-country Olympic (XCO) disciplines, under the instruction of qualified and experienced coaches. Anyone under the age of 19 can enrol. All you need to participate is a good bike, a helmet and something to drink!

Organized training is provided for small groups of 6 to 10 riders two or three times a week. Training on an individual basis is also available. Special attention is given to refining general trials skills and downhill skills, as well as specialist Cross-country skills. This gives riders an excellent basis on which to advance their careers in the sport.

Equipment for hire

The tracks through the forests, the gravel paths, those exhilarating descents... have we whetted your appetite? But what if you don't have a mountain bike? Easy! Just go to one of the specialist rental outlets in East Belgium. There you'll find high-quality mountain bikes plus, of course, all the safety equipment you need.

An aerial photograph showing two large, multi-story stone houses with grey roofs and white balconies. The houses are situated in a lush green landscape with rolling hills, scattered trees, and a winding path. The left house has a larger terrace and is surrounded by more greenery, while the right house is partially obscured by trees. The overall scene is peaceful and idyllic, representing a sustainable holiday destination in East Belgium.

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The scent of wood, a dazzling view over a green landscape with the sun on your face – or a breakfast with local honey and fresh berries in yoghurt. Sustainable accommodation is more than a trend: it's a style of travel that inspires visitors, local residents and business enterprises in equal measure. Being able to tap into the rhythms of nature is a reliable recipe for a deeply satisfying holiday. Here are three unforgettable places to stay, set among the woods and forests of East Belgium.

Relax in the middle of nature



Each room is made and furnished entirely from sustainable wood

Experience the charm of wood at Sleepwood Hotel in Eupen

For a pleasant and relaxing break, Eupen offers numerous possibilities. With the great natural beauty of the High Fens heathlands and Hertogenwald forest close at hand, there is much for nature-lovers to enjoy at any time of year. Eupen's historic baroque buildings dating back to the 17th and 18th centuries will enchant you, along with the openness and friendliness of the people.

Sleepwood Hotel is located in the centre of the town, in a street packed with pavement cafés and restaurants, where you can stop by for a freshly-squeezed juice or a freshly-cooked dish of food. The hotel is renowned for its respect for the environment and its choice of sustainable materials. When owner Arthur Genten converted this terraced house into a hotel, he installed walls made of wood and clay. "Due to a particular construction technique using these materials, the rooms keep a constant temperature. You could compare it to underfloor heating, but the effect comes



Restaurant Fine Foods



Arthur Genten

from the walls. In summer you can cool the room by 7°C and in winter you can make it as warm as you like."

All the rooms have solid-wood furniture. This creates a rustic look and a relaxed and cosy atmosphere. You immediately feel at home. This choice of materials provides a connection with the surrounding woodlands. "I chose sustainable materials expressly to remain in harmony with the region. One of the main reasons for coming on holiday in East Belgium is to enjoy outdoor sports such as cycling, mountain biking or walking – all activities where you are in close contact with nature." To help guests to get to know the region, they can also rent electric bicycles and book guided cycling tours. And it's not just the rooms that correspond to the environment, it's also the vegetables on your plate. The menu of the Fine Foods restaurant offers delicious dishes made with seasonal products from the region.



Mikel Defays



The kitchen of the farmhouse

At home in the past on Père Louis' farm

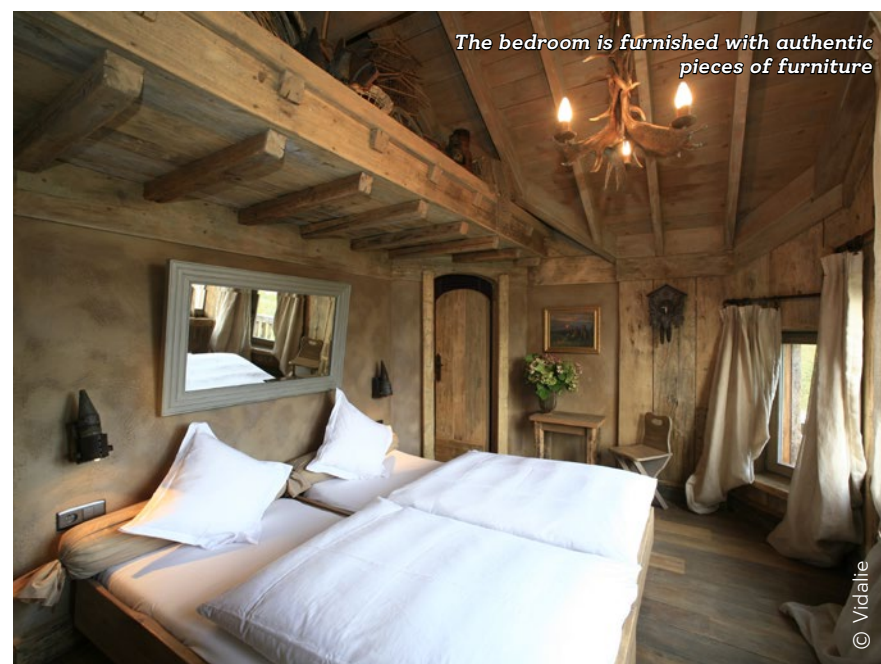
Just outside Thirimont is a mountain chalet that seems to have sprung off the page of a fairy tale. Immersed in nature, the chalet looks out over the valley and tributaries of the small Rechterbach river. Here everything is designed to help you to completely relax. When you enter, a warm atmosphere immediately envelopes you: it's like you're staying on your grandparents' farm.

Mikel Defays' family have restored this old farmhouse, which once belonged to his great-great-grandfather Père Louis. "We had to start from scratch really, because Père Louis' farm was effectively a ruin. We sought out farmhouses and stables in the area that were being demolished and used the old wood to rebuild our own farm." The old materials and the original floor plan give the Ferme du Père Louis its distinctive air of authenticity. It's a place where guests immediately feel at home – and there's a spa to further enhance their wellbeing. "I think it's important that there's a sense of calm here," says Mikel. "The positive vibe creates an atmosphere in which everyone, even large groups, can relax."



Ferme du Père Louis

The large garden, with views out over the undulating hills, also soothes the soul. "Our farmhouse is the ideal place for summer weddings or yoga retreats." The area around the Ferme du Père Louis also gives it the perfect setting, as Mikel explains: "You have nature to suit all tastes: forests, rivers, lakes or vast meadows." The towns of Malmedy and Sankt Vith are within striking distance: "You can rent a bicycle nearby to go there for a day's shopping, or to seek out some of the local culinary delicacies, or to enjoy a drink in the sunshine on a café terrace."



The bedroom is furnished with authentic pieces of furniture



The living room is cosy and homely



Landidylle Krimmels is certified with the Green Key label

The bees of Landidylle Krimmels, for body, mind and soul

In Möderscheid, in deepest East Belgium, Elisabeth Michaeli and Erwin Veithen run a holiday home next to their own home. This is an excellent base for a holiday: the house is surrounded on all sides by walking and cycling routes, inviting you to venture forth into the countryside. Lake Bütgenbach, with its watersports facilities, and the charming town of Malmedy are both nearby.

"We are nature-lovers – and love walking and cycling. East Belgium is an excellent place for these activities. It's a land of wide-open fields and forests, with hardly any traffic or industry." They call their place a Landidylle (rural idyll). The peace appeals not only to holidaymakers but also to Elisabeth's bees: "I have been keeping bees at Krimmels for six years now. I make honey, wax candles and soap here."

Elisabeth and Erwin also offer a new therapy based on the smell of bees. Erwin explains: "My son and I have asthma. We discovered that there is a unique and effective therapy in which you inhale the air from a beehive." Under the supervision of a doctor, you can be



Soothe yourself in the wellness area



Erwin Veithen is a beekeeper

treated to relieve breathing problems. "We also have our private wellness area with hot tub and sauna" – perfect for relaxing after a day in the High Fens or a bike ride on the Vennbahn. Or you can just sit in the garden and unwind with an aperitif.

What does a "sustainable holiday" mean? Eco-friendly, certainly – but also all the pleasures of a luxurious stay surrounded by nature, perhaps involving the opportunity to experience innovative construction techniques, and exploring the flavours of local produce. The hiking and cycling trails of East Belgium will take you to lakes, forests and picturesque villages. The heathlands and fens have their own spectacular, rugged beauty. In spring, daffodils carpet the valleys, and every walk or bike ride is made memorable by their fragrant beauty.

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Unique labels and travel formulas

Bicycle-friendly travel with bed+bike

The bed+bike label is awarded to hotels, guesthouses, youth hostels, campsites and holiday homes where cyclists can enjoy a bicycle-friendly stay. The conditions for acquiring this label include the provision of safe storage for guests' bicycles and drying facilities for clothing and equipment. Tools for bicycle maintenance are also available, plus information about the region. Through the bed+bike scheme you can easily find suitable places to sleep along your cycle route, or a place to use as a base for multi-day cycling trips around the region.



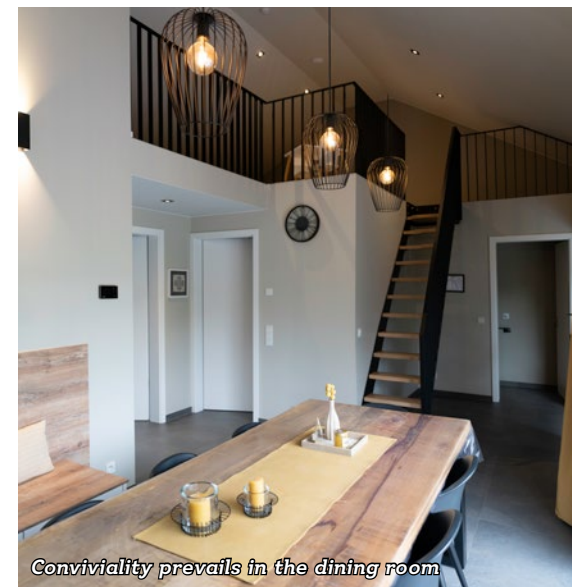
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Baggage-free hiking

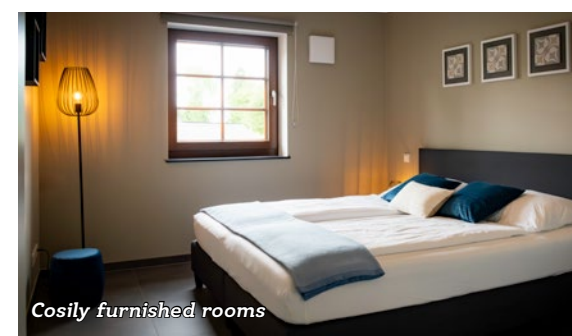
On your walking holiday in East Belgium, take the weight of your shoulders by going baggage-free. Each place where you stay will transport your luggage to the next, and supply you with a packed lunch, so you can focus on enjoying nature and the views. The hotels are specially selected for comfort and for their distinctive regional charms. Hiking maps are provided, along with detailed information about the sights along the way. All kinds of formulas are available, such as family weekends, or themed walks following river valleys and linking panoramic views. In this way you can experience all the natural charms of East Belgium – its moorlands, rocky plateaus, forests, waterfalls and winding river valleys.

You can choose how you want to explore East Belgium, according to your interests and your available time. For example, trek through the High Fens or do the Lake Route in three days. Composite trips might combine cultural highlights, natural wonders and culinary specialities. City visits and trips to sights can be added to the mix so that you don't miss anything you want to see in the region. Tailor-made travel packages take the stress out of travel, so you'll feel your batteries recharging as you go.

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Conviviality prevails in the dining room



Cosily furnished rooms

Spring in East Belgium: walks and traditions and a landscape in flower

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Spring in full bloom: from magical flower meadows to colourful markets

In April, a magical transformation takes place in East Belgium, when the daffodils burst upon the landscape. Nature organizations offer guided walks to see them, taking you

through soft, green meadows and along babbling streams. The daffodil walk in the idyllic Holzwarche valley is highly recommended. The Daffodil Festival is also organized there every year to put the protected yellow daffodils in the spotlight and to celebrate them.

Daffodils are not the only floral beauty that East Belgium has to offer. On the industrial nature trail in Kelmis, in spring, you can admire the rare zinc violets, which only thrive in soils rich in lead and zinc. The municipality of Sankt Vith distributes free flower seeds to its residents in

spring, and Malmedy proudly decorates its streets and squares with changing floral displays.

In May, the annual Blumenmarkt (flower market) in Eupen casts a spell upon the town with its paradise of colourful flowers. You'll find flowers too in many of the weekly markets, where you can also find local products and enjoy a truly authentic atmosphere.

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Sparkling music festivals add that extra touch to the towns

From spring on, there are music festivals! The first of the season, the Eupen Musik Marathon, is an eclectic mix of rock, pop, electro, classical and more. Malmedy shimmies to Vibrations in June, a festival that stages more than 50 concerts from various genres. In the penultimate weekend of August, Haaste Töne brings street theatre and world music to Eupen. Sankt Vith offers a summer full of open-air music with its Summer Time programme in July and August.

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panoramas, from aerial views to exploring the interiors of historic buildings.

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Customised walking and cycling tours – thanks to a handy junction system

Spring is the ideal season to explore East Belgium by bicycle or on foot. Using the signposting at the junctions (or nodes), you can easily walk or cycle from number to number, and follow a route entirely of your own making. On the website ostbelgien.eu you can compile and print your own walking and cycling route using the online route planner. For those who prefer to use an app, we recommend Nodemapp Hike and Nodemapp Bike. With these apps you can plan routes for free and also make connections to other regions. A paid Premium version is available if you want on-site navigation.

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Panorama boards for a dive into history, nature and culture

Breathtaking views await you along many of the hiking and cycling paths of East Belgium. Nearly 20 panorama boards offer a deeper look at these enchanting landscapes by delving into the sights, culture, history and nature of the area. New panorama boards have recently been added in Schönberg and Burg-Reuland, and there will also be one in Elsenborn from the spring of 2024. For those who want to explore this beautiful region from the comfort of their own home, the website ostbelgien.eu offers virtual tours. With just a few clicks you can dive deeper into the

Find rare zinc violets and other wonders on a walking tour

The brochure "Pleasure Tours" contains a collection of 26 walking routes designed to showcase the astonishing natural beauty of East Belgium. Called "Balades de Rêves" in French and "Genusstouren" in German, these "Pleasure Tours" vary in length from 5 to 21 kilometres. Walk No. 14: "In the land of Calamine" is an absolute must in the spring. The 9.9 km route takes you between Kelmis (La Calamine in French) and Lontzen through a varied landscape of meadows, forests and valleys, dotted with old mining sites. Here you may come across the unique zinc violets growing in the zinc-rich soil.

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Open Art Sunday and its unique art experiences

Unique works of art are presented
to visitors every first Sunday of the month

Open Art Sunday: amazing art experiences – and all for free!

Open Art Sunday is a monthly event mounted by the various artistic and cultural organizations in the three-country Meuse–Rhine Euroregion. By following the “Kunstroute” (art route), visitors can enjoy a varied and interactive art experience, and all for free. The route has 14 art and cultural addresses in the Meuse–Rhine Euroregion, 11 of which are located in East Belgium. Every first Sunday of the month they open their doors from 1pm to 5 or 6pm.

The initiative was founded in May 2012 as the Weser–Göhl art route by Karl-Heinz Oedekoven. To date, it has attracted more than 200,000 visitors. Oedekoven was a cultural activist in Stolberg, Germany, and far beyond the borders of his native land. At the beginning of 2021, the art route took on a broader focus as Open Art Sunday.

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Atelier Schoenen opened its doors 15 years ago

The Atelier Schoenen in Eynatten

The artist couple Britta and Marcel Schoenen open their works of art to public view in the village of Eynatten. Their studio and exhibition space now occupy a former barn at their farm. They have been inspiring visitors with their exceptional work for 15 years.

Marcel Schoenen’s work can be recognized by its powerful colours, reminiscent of expressionism. Britta likes to incorporate graphic elements into her paintings: her technical background may explain the visual impact that this produces. Both artists regularly put on new exhibitions with very varied themes.



Belgian art vending machines

The first Belgian art vending machine was a converted cigarette machine, set up in Eynatten by Britta and Marcel Schoenen. Passers-by could purchase original works of art by both artists. Since 2021, six additional art vending machines have been installed in East Belgium. These are internationally oriented and contain original works of art by 450 international artists, including 16 artists from East Belgium. The artists create small works of 5 x 8 centimetres (i.e. visiting card size), which can be bought for just 4 euros – thus giving everyone the opportunity to purchase art.

The themes are constantly changing, and so the offering – as well as the artists – also regularly change. The gap between artist and the public is thus reduced and the sense of surprise is all the greater because you never know what you will have in your hands when your work of art falls out of the machine.

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Stonemason and sculptor Wolfgang Binding

Professor Wolfgang Binding is a stonemason and sculptor. He learned the trade at the Dombauhütte in Cologne, and was formerly a professor of sculpture at the Faculty of

Architecture of the RWTH Aachen University. Since his retirement in 1993, Binding has worked as a freelance artist, with a studio in Eynatten. He expresses his love and appreciation of all living things in a wide range of animal and human figures, usually cast in bronze. His works are in numerous famous collections and museums, including the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum in New York City.

The Eupen art route

Eupen has much to offer on the cultural front, spread right across this beautiful town. A large number of the exhibition spaces that feature on the Open Art Sunday art route can be found here.

The IKOB Museum of Contemporary Art is a well-established, internationally-oriented exhibition platform and also an important promoter of the regional art scene. The Alter Schlachthof Eupen cultural centre annually hosts many exciting exhibitions, curated by Miriam Elebe. The Galerie vorn und oben, in Eupen-Kettenis, is an international, but mainly Euroregional, forum. The art shown here aims to be a socially relevant echo of contemporary reality.

Art-Loft, in the former Peters cloth factory, is the studio and workplace of artist Boogie Hebel. As a visual artist, and as a trained architect, he expresses a strong passion for architecture both in wood and on canvas, using a variety of mixed techniques, with a distinctive emphasis on black and white. The high ceilings of this renovated factory permit him to create an exceptional and magical atmosphere during his changing exhibitions.

A group of young artists and the fashion designers of 4N Mode work in the communal studio Atelierhaus Eupen. Nora Huszka, June Monstera, Boris Servais and Simon Wüllenweber come together here and unite in their creativity.

The TUNNEL Eupen is the art project in a passage under the railway close to the town centre. The tunnel is no longer just a practical passageway for pedestrians and cyclists but has also become a place where young people can demonstrate their artistic skills. The world of graffiti is fast, dynamic and young – just like the artists themselves, who work here every first Sunday of the month. Aaron Dunno, a young artist from Eupen, gives this project a face.

For Open Art Sunday, Jana Rusch’s studio is transformed into the “Filiale ephemerer Kunstformen” – giving an insight into the artist’s current creative process using virtual reality. The visitor takes a journey through painting and is transformed into an active researcher. This virtual journey behind the canvas is made possible thanks to collaboration with RWTH Aachen University.



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Visit to the ART-Loft Eupen



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Out and about with photographer Guido Bertemes



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The High Fens in focus

The High Fens in focus

On the road with photographer Guido Bertemes

Skeletal trees, untrammelled nature, boardwalks over the wet moorland stretching into the mist – a hike in the High Fens always feels like a mystical and marvellous escape. Amateur photographer Guido Bertemes, who loves to wander here, shows us his favourite places.

“It usually looks quite different here.” Guido Bertemes shields his eyes from the bright sun and looks out over the landscape. He laughs as though not quite believing what he is seeing, then looks through the viewfinder of his camera, focuses and takes a picture. “Normally, if you’re lucky, you can see as far as the next tree but one.” The High Fens has an average of just 20 sunny days a year. Today is one of them.



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The panorama boards provide information about the views



In the sunshine, the branches of the beeches resemble clawed hands

Guido is a passionate amateur photographer and has already worked on several illustrated books about the High Fens. On his rambles and hikes here, he finds himself drawn to certain particular places. To Les Six Hêtres (The Six Beeches), for example, under which the Fen shepherds used to rest. “When there’s fog, this place is so beautifully mystical,” says Guido. But even in the sunshine, the mighty branches of the old beeches look a bit like clawed hands sticking out of a sea of tall grass. A nice composition, says Guido.

There are hundreds of such skeletal trees on this 5000-hectare plateau. Survival in this high moorland is tough. After the last Ice Age, peat bogs began to form here, in some places now ten metres deep. But no one needs to get their feet wet here today: a huge network of maintained paths runs through the area, in East Belgium and over the border into North Rhine-Westphalia. However, not all paths are freely accessible. The most important do’s and don’ts can be found on the new High Fens flyer.



Each season, the High Fens display different colours

A haunting tale of love

The High Fens have a different palette of colours for every season. During spring, the carpets of sphagnum moss are dappled pink by bog-rosemary and cranberry flowers. In summer, large islands of tall yellow bog asphodel float on the moorland, while the grasses take on their lushest greens. Guido’s favourite season, however, is autumn, when the mist hovers around the feet of brilliantly coloured trees. There’s a wonderful mix of magic and melancholy at that time, says the photographer.

When it gets dark or fog settles over the moorland, it is easy to get lost. Fortunately, there is a tower that can help hikers orientate themselves. In the past, a bell and a beacon also provided help for wayfarers – until 1867, the bell that now hangs in the Fischbach



The story of François and Marie is one of love and tragedy



Guido Bertemes

Chapel, not far from the Baraque Michel inn, was rung in fog and snowstorms.

Baraque Michel is located at the hikers’ car park, where numerous circular walks into the Fens begin. “When you come back, you have to stop at the inn,” declares Guido enthusiastically, citing especially its homemade Vennbrot (Fenland bread) and the wild boar meatballs with red cabbage. Today, however, the photographer is not here for the traditional cuisine but to mark the memory of Marie and François, the protagonists in a famous tragic tale of the Fens. The circular route dedicated to the two fiancés begins at the Fischbach Chapel. Although the path is very beautiful, Guido’s footsteps seem to have become heavier. “The story of François and Marie is one of love and tragedy,” Guido tells us, walking towards a boundary stone beside which stands a large wooden cross. The young couple wanted to cross the High Fens on a bitterly cold January night in 1871 to fetch their wedding documents. Waving aside the warnings, they walked out into the snowstorm, lost their way and froze to death. The place where the Croix des Fiancés (Cross of the Betrothed) now stands is said to be where Marie died. François, who went to get help, was found about a hundred metres away. “But for me, this is also a story full of hope and love.” Perhaps that is why the Croix des Fiancés has now become a kind of pilgrimage site in the Fens.

Although the Croix des Fiancés is mentioned in every guidebook, it’s a very modest monument. If you don’t know the story, it seems just like any other of the many crosses in the High Fens. But if you do know it, and imagine that scene in 1871, it gives you goose bumps. But at least today the sun is shining.

Hiking routes, activities and accommodation in the region can be found here:

ostbelgien.eu/en/what-to-do/destinations/high-fens



A spectacular descent on the Stoneman Arduenna

Up hill and down dale: through East Belgium on the Stoneman Arduenna mountain bike marathon

From mid-April to mid-September, the forests of East Belgium play host to a special experience: the Stoneman Arduenna presents an enticing challenge to all avid mountain bikers.

The signposted route of this mountain bike marathon traverses the ridges and valleys of the Belgian Eifel and the Ardennes. With a total distance of 176 kilometres and no less than 3,900 metres of elevation to gain, this route is a real test even for the hardest mountain bikers. The Stoneman Arduenna is not one of those classic marathons organized as an annual event: rather, you can take on this challenge at any time throughout the summer season. It's not necessarily a race against time either: depending on your fitness level, you can complete the trail in 1, 2 or 3 days. It's up to you. It's not just the physical aspect that makes the Stoneman Arduenna memorable, but also all the things

you'll see on the way. While cycling you are constantly surrounded by the breathtaking landscapes, with views of the High Fens and the valleys of the Warche and Amblève rivers, punctuated with cultural highlights, including castles and chateaux.

The Stoneman Arduenna is designed to deliver a worry-free experience on and off the course. Participants must register online or on site and can choose from several Starter Packs. Eight checkpoints mark your progress along the trail, connecting the towns, villages and landmarks of Malmedy, Signal de

Botrange, Robertville, Bütgenbach, Schönberg, Ouren, Sankt Vith and Montenau.

Accommodation is offered by numerous partner businesses, which will welcome you with open arms. They all provide specialist services for mountain bikers, so you can clean and repair your bike, and start the next stage fully prepared. Those aiming to complete the route in two or three days can choose to book luggage transfers: your luggage will be taken directly to where you will be spending the next night. Depending on your performance, as a Finisher you will be rewarded with a gold, silver or bronze trophy. Which Stoneman Arduenna prize will you bring home?

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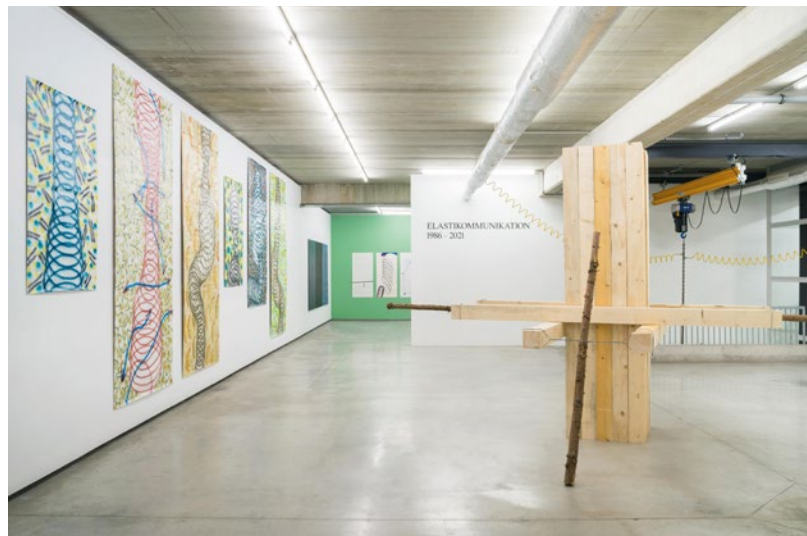
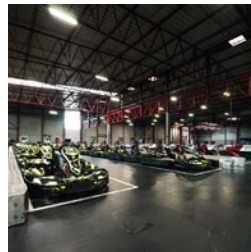
A break with a panoramic view

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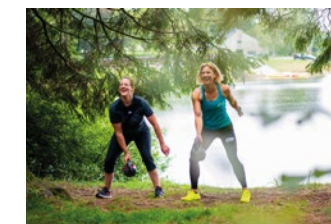
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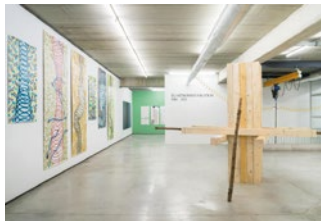


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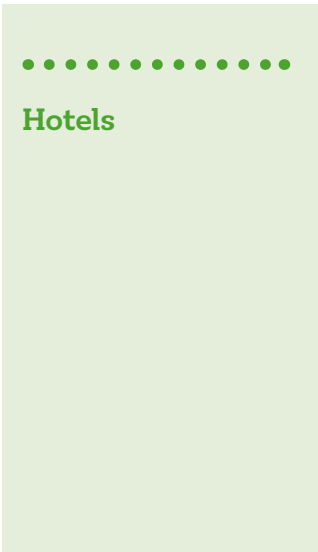
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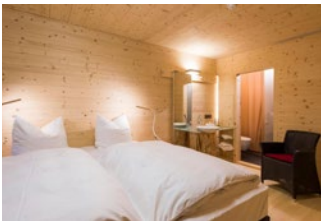
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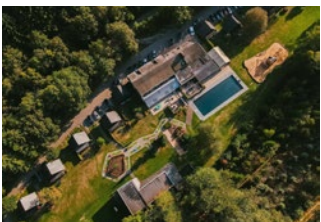
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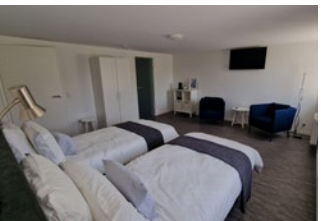
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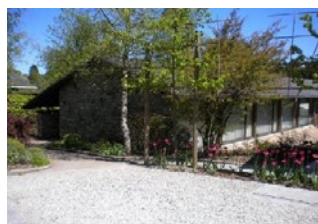
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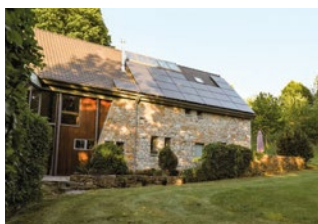
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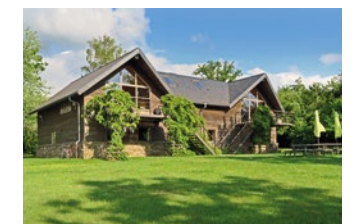
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